

LOWELL PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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To:

Dr. Joel Boyd, Superintendent of Schools

From:

Dr. James Hall, Chief Operating Officer

Date:

June 16, 2023

Re:

Motion Response

[by Jackie Doherty]: Request the Superintendent provide the Committee with monthly (or more frequent as needed) updates on the status of the LHS construction project.

Enclosed are updates from LHS and slides related to construction progress from the General Contractor.



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To: Joel Boyd, Superintendent of School

From: Michael Fiato, Head of School

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Re: Impact on Construction Project on Staff/Students

Update on Construction Project

Positives

- The relationship between the school and the project remains positive. The construction contract provides for four quiet days where the construction work goes into a quiet mode. Two days were used for the March MCAS and two days were used for the May MCAS. The contractors provided two additional quiet days for the June MCAS.
- Any noise issue during the normal course of the school day has always been mitigated immediately.
- The air quality reports have continued to show safe levels.

Concerns

- There continues to be leaks in the 1980 building during rainstorms. Some of it is a roof issue that the city is responsible for and some of it is a result of the construction project.
- The city DPW continues to work on getting the HVAC units on the roof of the 1980 building functioning at an optimal level. Outside contractors have been hired by the city. Though there is some indication that the heating units will be functioning better, the work happened outside of the heating season so the true extent of the fix will not be known until the fall. There has been some improvement with air in the interior rooms but continues to be a work in process.

Summer Work Focus

Unlike last summer, the work this summer has minimal impact on the currently occupied spaces within the school. Only one additional room is going off-line.

- Construction work continues on the new buildings; the five story Freshman Academy and the extension to the 1980 building along with the outfitting of the south bridge.
- Utility work on French Street, Kirk Street, and the Alley next to 1922 building
- Creation of a new utility closet in basement of the 1922 building

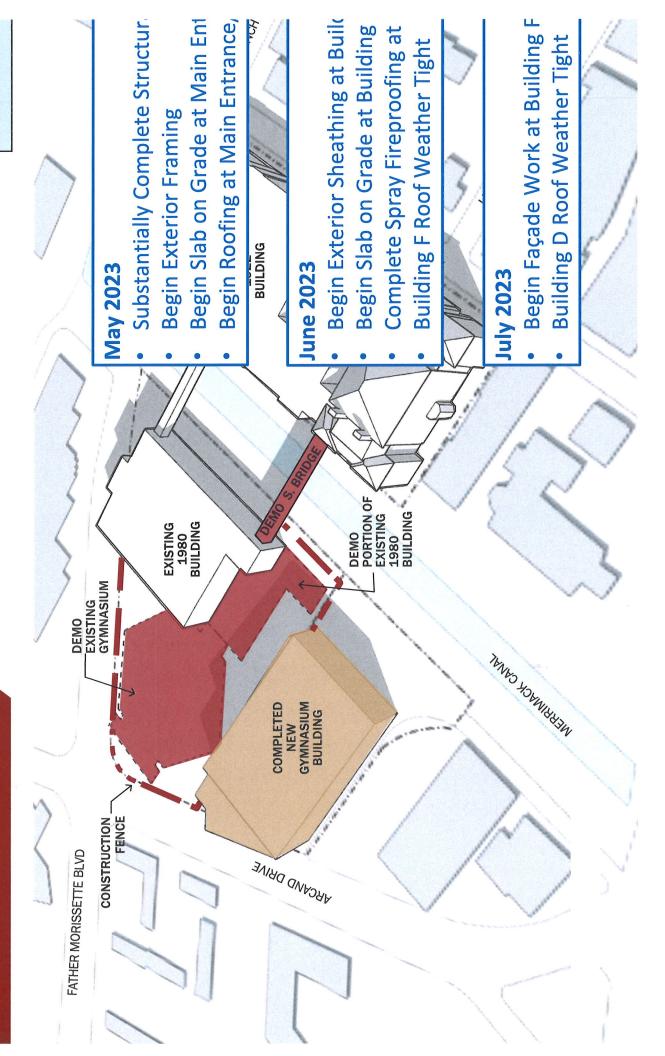
- Foundation work in the basement of the 1922
- Steel column installation in the 1922 to support new mechanicals on roof
- Installation of new walls/windows in Stairwell L of the 1980 building

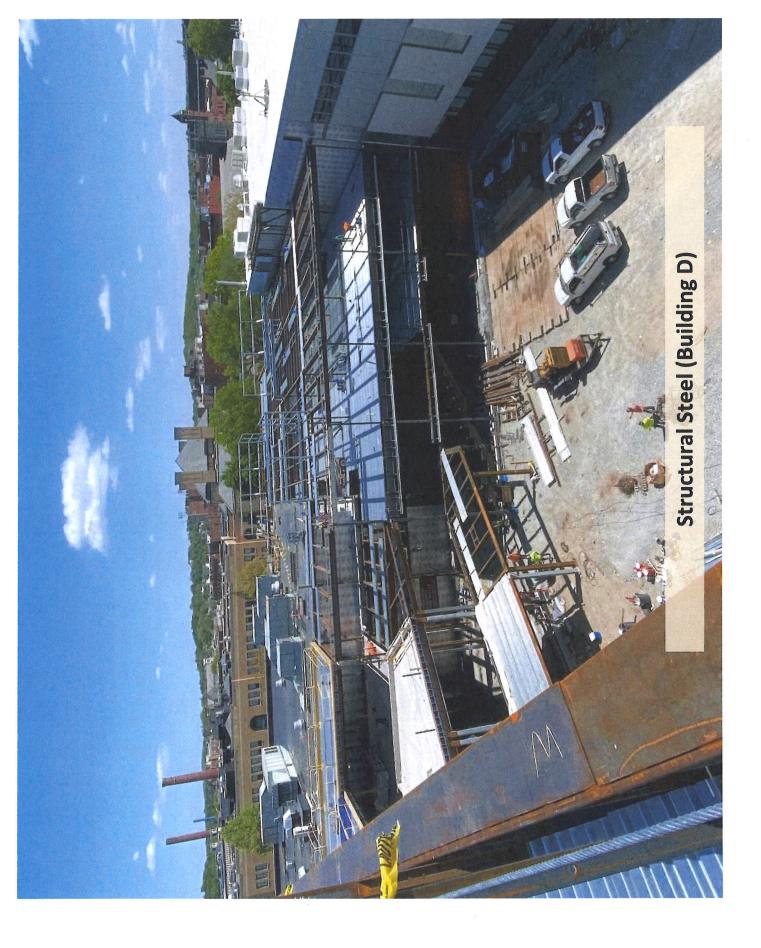
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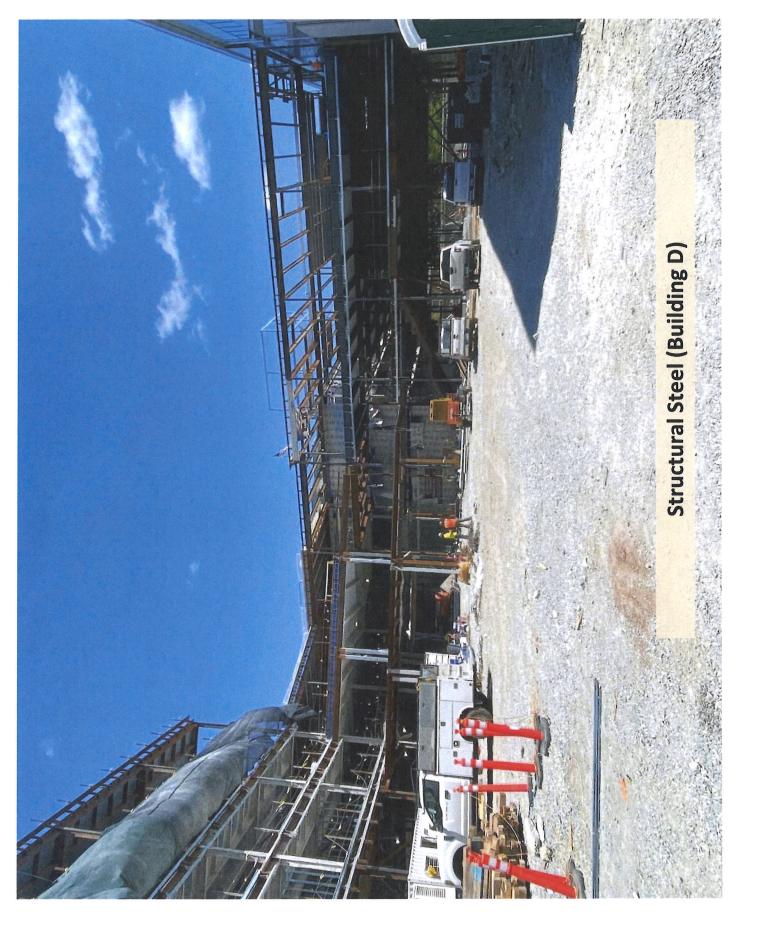
There continues to be a good working relationship between the school and the construction team and they are responsive to remediating issues as they arise.

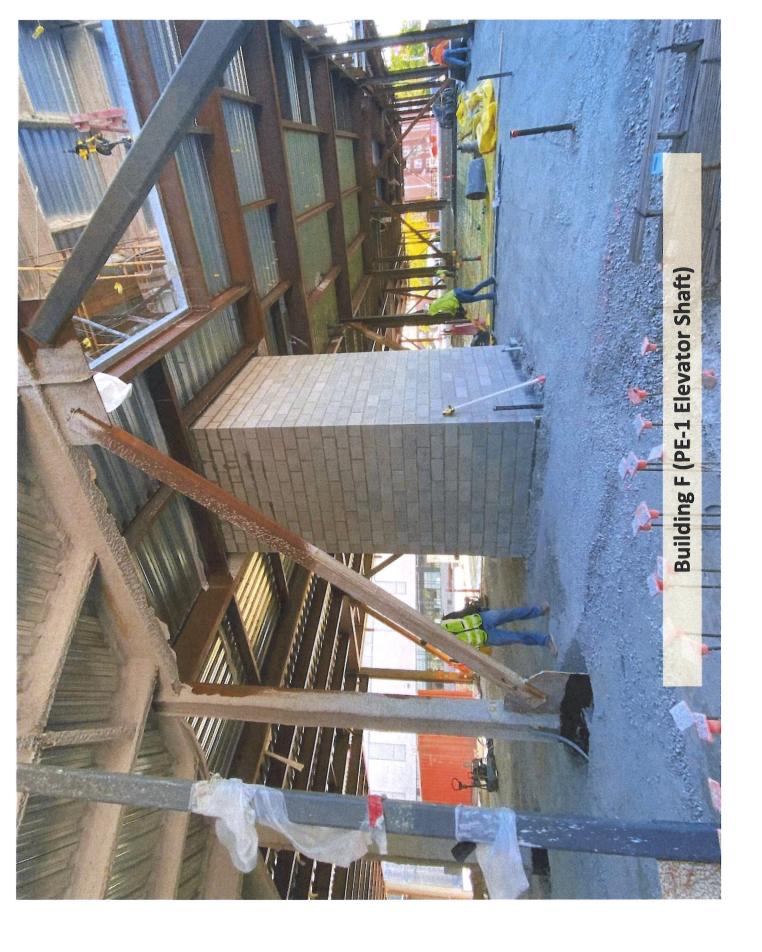
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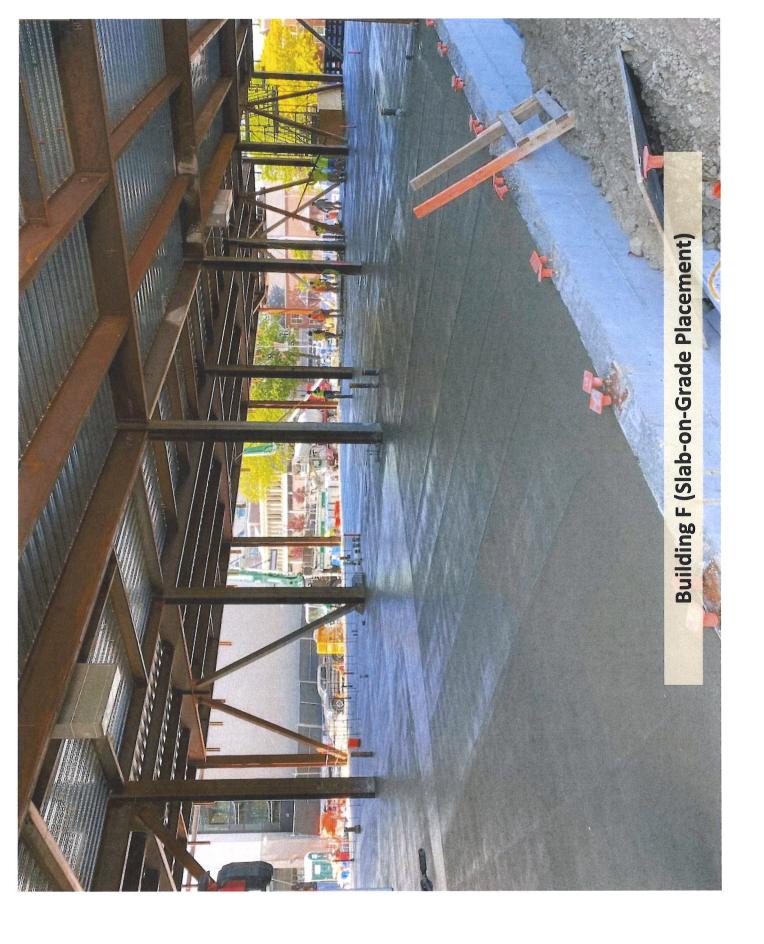
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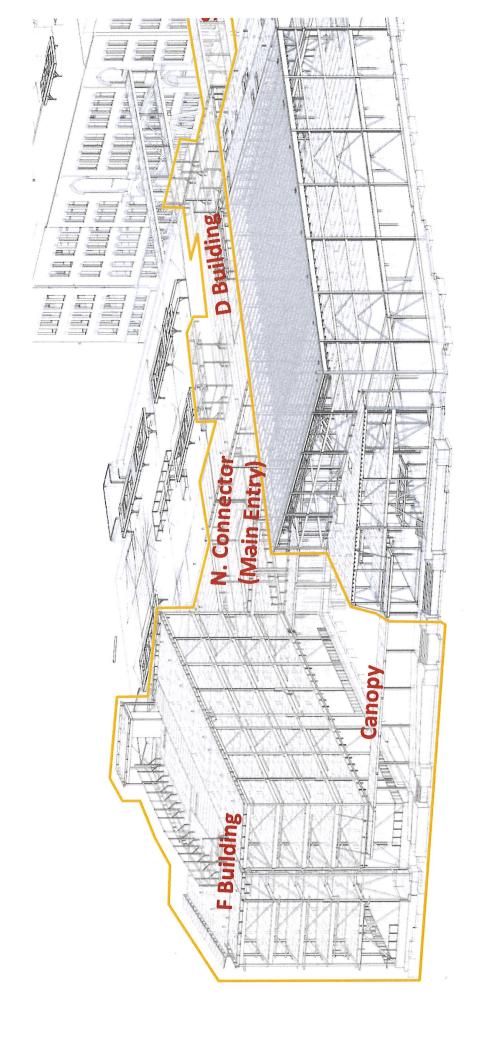












Phase 2 Structural Steel Locus Plan